



AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN FOREST OR GRASSLAND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS AS AN ALLOWED PURPOSE FOR IMPOSING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY; AMENDING SECTION 7-6-2527, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-6-2527, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-6-2527. Taxation -- public and governmental purposes. A county may impose a property tax levy for any public or governmental purpose not specifically prohibited by law. Public and governmental purposes include but are not limited to:

- (1) district court purposes as provided in 7-6-2511;
- (2) county-owned or county-operated health care facility purposes as provided in 7-6-2512;
- (3) county law enforcement services and maintenance of county detention center purposes as provided in 7-6-2513 and search and rescue units as provided in 7-32-235;
- (4) multijurisdictional service purposes as provided in 7-11-1106;
- (5) transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities as provided in 7-14-111;
- (6) support for a port authority as provided in 7-14-1132;
- (7) county road, bridge, and ferry purposes as provided in 7-14-2101, 7-14-2501, 7-14-2502, 7-14-2503, 7-14-2801, and 7-14-2807;
- (8) recreational, educational, and other activities of the elderly as provided in 7-16-101;
- (9) purposes of county fair activities, parks, cultural facilities, and any county-owned civic center, youth center, recreation center, or recreational complex as provided in 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, and 7-21-3410;
- (10) programs for the operation of licensed day-care centers and homes as provided in 7-16-2108 and 7-16-4114;
- (11) support for a museum, facility for the arts and the humanities, collection of exhibits, or a museum district as provided in 7-16-2205;

- (12) extension work in agriculture and home economics as provided in 7-21-3203;
- (13) weed control and management purposes as provided in 7-22-2142;
- (14) insect control programs as provided in 7-22-2306;
- (15) fire control as provided in 7-33-2209;
- (16) ambulance service as provided in 7-34-102;
- (17) public health purposes as provided in 50-2-111 and 50-2-114;
- (18) public assistance purposes as provided in 53-3-115;
- (19) indigent assistance purposes as provided in 53-3-116;
- (20) developmental disabilities facilities as provided in 53-20-208;
- (21) mental health services as provided in 53-21-1010;
- (22) airport purposes as provided in 67-10-402 and 67-11-302;
- (23) purebred livestock shows and sales as provided in 81-8-504;
- (24) economic development purposes as provided in 90-5-112; ~~and~~
- (25) prevention programs, including programs that reduce substance abuse; and
- (26) forest or grassland hazardous fuels reduction projects in areas near homes and communities where wildland fire is a threat."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0098, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

SENATE BILL NO. 98
INTRODUCED BY J. KEANE
BY REQUEST OF THE FIRE SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE

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